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REVISION OF NORMS FOR OPENING POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals for opening of new post offices/sub post offices in rural areas of Rajasthan especially in THAR desert areas of Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Jalore districts;

(b) if so, the status of such proposals;

(c) whether the Planning Commission was requested to Commission a comprehenseive study on all aspects of rural postal service/network including revision of norms for opening of post offices;

(d) whether the said study has been completed and the norms for opening of new post offices in THAR desert areas of Western Rajasthan have been revised; and

(e) if so, by when the Government propose to commence opening of new post offices in rural areas of THAR desert?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 16 proposals have been received so far for opening Branch Post Offices in Rajasthan, of which 7 pertain to the desert areas including one each in Barmer, Jodhpur, Churu and Jhunjhnu districts and three in Nagaur district respectively. All seven Branch Post Offices have been opened.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. The study, which will inter-alia review the norms for opening new post offices, including in desert areas, is currently underway.

(e) Proposals for opening of new post offices in rural areas of THAR desert continue to be considered as per existing norms.